

February 21, 2016: The 33rd Sunday after Pentecost (the Publican and the Pharisee)

Epistle reading: II Tim. 3:10-15:

"But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Gospel reading: Luke 18:10-14:



"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector,

standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

With the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee we begin a new chapter in the Ecclesiastical year: THE TRIODION, which runs until Great Saturday (Easter Eve).

The Triodion is the time of repentance and spiritual cleansing, which takes us through three weeks of preparation for the unique journey of Great Lent, whose highlight is the Holy Week.

The Church announces this event at the Matins service of this week with some beautiful hymns/prayers, such as: *"Open to me the doors of repentance, O, Giver of Life..."*, which is sung through the entire period of the Triodion.

This comes in the context of the Gospel reading, which portrays the *"Two men who went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector,"* and their completely opposite attitude while praying. The Pharisee stands in arrogance and pride in front of the Temple and lists all the good deeds he had acquired, despising at the same time his fellow worshiper, the Publican, who, in total humility and overcome with the genuine spirit of repentance, prays and says: *"God, be merciful to me a sinner!"*

The two men represent the two categories of people/Christians who attend the same church service but return to their homes with different results, based on the attitude and the intent they came to church with.

May the Good and Merciful God give us the the Publican's humility and spirit of repentance!

Fr. George Bazgan

Sunday Fellowship

The following families are scheduled to look after
this Sunday's fellowship:

**Baboş Costel & Camelia
Bazgan Maria & Fr. George
Bazgan Napolion & Valeria**

Thank you all very much!

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Our parish is organizing a 10 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land between May 27-June 5, 2016. The approximate cost is \$2,500/person. Those who are interested, please call Fr. George at 780-473-0029, before March 1, 2016.

Spread the word

We make an appeal to all of you, subscribers to our weekly electronic Bulletin, to invite your family members and friends to submit their email address and join the list of our parish subscribers.

This is so we can reach as many people as possible.

Thank you for your help!

PEROGY SUPPER

On Friday, March 11, 2016, the Ladies Auxiliary will organize a Perogy Supper at the Romanian Center, between 4:30 – 7:30 PM.

Youth & Adult Spiritual Growth Workshop

March 4 & 5, 2016

St. Anthony's Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Edmonton (**6103 172nd Street**), is hosting a Youth & Adult Spiritual Growth Workshop the weekend of **March 4 & 5, 2016**.

The workshop will be led by **Father Gregory Horton**, parish priest of Holy Myrrhbearers Antiochian Orthodox Church in Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, USA.

The Youth Workshop, entitled "**Relationship, Sexuality & Marriage**," begins **Friday, March 4, at 6:00 PM**. Registration starts at 5:30 PM followed by prayers and supper, bowling at Ed's Rec Room, and an optional sleepover at St. Anthony's. **The Workshop continues Saturday, March 5, from 8:00 AM until 12 noon.**

Cost for the Youth Workshop is \$20/person. Youth are encouraged to attend the afternoon adult session and may do so at no additional cost.

The Adult Workshop, "**Growing Inside to Go Outside**," begins at **1:00 PM on Saturday, March 5**, with a Moleben of Thanksgiving.

The workshop consists of **three sessions** and includes supper: "**How to be a True Orthodox Christian**," "**How the Orthodox Church Looks to the Outside World**," and "**Our Freedom to Bring the Church of Christ to Everyone**." **Cost is \$35/participant.**

All sessions will be held at St. Anthony's parish, 6103 172nd Street, Edmonton. (Note: Bowling for the Youth Workshop on Friday, March 4, is at Ed's Rec Room.)

Call or email the parish office to register, 780.487.2167 or santhony@telusplanet.net . Registration will be accepted until February 29.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 1:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1. Call the meeting to order and opening prayer.**
- 2. Confirmation of “Notice of Meeting” and quorum.**
- 3. Approval of the Agenda.**
- 4. Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting.**
- 5. Business arising from 2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes.**
- 6. Financial Statements, Membership and Casino Reports by Mrs. Corina Sasu, Treasurer.**
- 7. Church Report, by Fr. George Bazgan.**

Committee Reports:

- 8. Property and Maintenance, by Mr. Nicolae Chiosa, Hall Manager.**
- 9. Social, by Mr. Viorel Ciocan.**
- 10. Communications / Public relations report by Ștefan Mocanu.**
- 11. Ladies Auxiliary presentation, by Mrs. Maria Bazgan, LA President.**
- 12. President’s report, by Mr. Ion Mieila, Board President.**
- 13. New Business.**
- 14. Adjournment**